

Traffic

FT BLISS RATE CANCELLED

Effective December 30, 1919, in Item 195-B, Supplement 4 to Texas Lines Circular 1-B, the per-car charges between El Paso and Fort Bliss, Federal, Longhorn and Material Yard, were cancelled. Our business men can keep from paying the regular mileage rates now in effect by selling f. o. b., El Paso, all goods and materials which they have heretofore sold f. o. b., say Fort Bliss. A rate of \$15 per car will be applied on all freight moving on government bills of lading, which rate will be applied without tariff publication.

Advance in New York and Seaboard Territory Rates Defeated

The traffic department defeated temporarily, at least, a proposed advance in the rail-and-water rates applying from New York and Seaboard Territory to El Paso and many other points in west Texas. The proposed advance in the first-class rate, for example, was 7½c for 100 pounds. Other classes were to be advanced proportionately.

War Tax

The Treasury Department has further amended its regulation governing the assessment of war tax on export shipments. Shipments moving from point of origin to final destination on thru bills of lading do not have to be covered by a temporary exemption certificate, as was previously the case. An extract from the amended regulation, covering this particular phase of the subject, is quoted hereunder:

"Charges on freight transported from a point within the United States to a point in Canada or Mexico under a through bill of lading or a through live-stock contract are exempt from the transportation tax and TEMPORARY EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES and CERTIFICATES OF EXPORTATION covering such shipments will not be required when the shipments are made against particular contracts or orders and not against foreign requirements certificates and which do not pass through pools or similar arrangements, provided the shipper in the United States retains in his files proof of the export character of the shipment, and provided the property is delivered to a foreign carrier for delivery to a place in Canada or Mexico without stoppage in transit in the United States for a business purpose; and, further provided, the shipment is not diverted or re-consigned while in transit to a point WITHIN the United States."

Amended Bill of Lading

The attention of El Paso shippers is called

Subjects Presented: Advance in Seaboard Rates, Amended Bill of Lading, Freight Savings Through Checking Service for January, Daily Service to Deming, Fumigation Charges, Reconsignment, New Ruling On Claims, "Order and Notify" Shipments, New and Reduced Rates.

Transportation

to a change in section 3 of the uniform bill of lading, effective February 29, 1920, in supplement No. 2 to Consolidated Freight Classification No. 1 (Western Classification No. 56), Agent R. C. Fyfe's I. C. C. No. 14. While the United Railroad Administration, in response to telegraphic inquiry from this department, has stated that the present form may be used by shippers without any notation thereon relative to the change, we recommend that a rubber stamp be used for the purpose of stamping the following on the old bill of lading form:

"SECTION 3 OF THIS BILL OF LADING IS HEREBY AMENDED TO CONFORM TO CONSOLIDATED FREIGHT CLASSIFICATION NO. 1 (Western Classification No. 56) AGENT R. C. FYFE'S I. C. C. NO. 14, SUPPLEMENTS THEREON AND REISSUES THEREOF."

Our recommendation in this respect is based on the uncertainty as to what view the carriers may take of the matter after they are returned to private control.

When necessary to secure a new supply of bills of lading it should be seen that they are printed in accordance with the Classification.

Savings Effected by Checking Freight Bills During January

Following is a list of firms for whom the Traffic Department of the El Paso Chamber of Commerce checked bills during the month of January, and opposite each name is shown the amount saved for each concern:

Ainsa, M & Sons.....	\$ 10.30
Boston Store	18.07
Dick, Jas. A. & Co.....	417.00
El Paso Book Co.....	3.94
Elion Bros. Mfg. Co.....	47.39
Empire Bottling Works.....	1.51
Fant Coffee Co.	3.64
Farrow-Crouch-Logan Co.....	2.10
Krakauer, Zork Co.	47.02
Rio Grande Furniture Co.....	2.51
Lesinsky, H. Co.	34.74
Roe-Beers Co.	44.91
Thacker & Baca	2.26
Widoff Co.78
Woodlawn Bottling Works.....	5.77
El Paso Coffin Co.....	451.49
International Book & Sta. Co	6.15

\$1099.58

Only 17 business houses sent their bills to us, whereas everybody in town should have done so. While the total amount saved for these 17 concerns is appreciable, it would have been much better had we received bills from three times as many people, in order that we might have saved perhaps three times as much money for the shippers of El Paso.

This statement shows conclusively what we can do and what we are doing for those who are sending their bills to us. Those who are

not sending their bills to us are simply knowingly permitting "a leak" in their business to continue. If they had a man on their pay-roll whom they did not need, they would immediately eliminate him, in order to save the amount of his salary, yet they pay, in many instances, more freight charges than they should pay and seem content. The two propositions are one and the same. Both represent a useless expenditure of money. If a business man would save money in one way, why not in another?

Daily Service to Deming

Commencing February 2, the Southern Pacific began loading and forwarding less than carload freight destined to Deming, New Mexico, daily instead of tri-weekly. This will probably be interesting and pleasing news to El Paso shippers.

Hines Wants Terminal Committees Continued After Termination of Federal Control

In a letter dated January 21, 1920, and addressed to R. H. Aishton, President American Railway Association, Chicago, Director-General Hines of the U. S. Railroad Administration suggested that the railroads, after the termination of Federal Control, continue in operation the present terminal efficiency committees which were organized and maintained during the latter part of 1919 by the U. S. Railroad Administration. These committees are composed of railroad and shippers' representatives, and Mr. Hines believes they have done a great deal of good in speeding up and improving the transportation service within the terminals throughout the United States. So far as we know, Mr. Aishton has not yet replied to Mr. Hines, but it is more than likely that since the suggestion came from a man in Mr. Hines position, Mr. Aishton and other railroad officials will give the suggestion serious consideration and perhaps adopt Mr. Hines suggestion.

Fumigation Charges at Border Points

On January 8, Representative Hudspeth introduced the following Bill (H R 11585) in the House of Representatives: : :

"A BILL

To amend the Federal Plant Quarantine Act of August 20, 1912, so as to provide that all expenses incident to the fumigation of importations be paid by the United States Government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Federal Plant Quarantine Act of August 20, 1912, be amended so as to provide and include that all expenses connected with the fumigation of importations, in cases where the same are required to be fumigated, be borne and paid by the United States Government."